THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Traffic level on the section should be 25,000 PCUs or more for the section to be considered for six laning.

(b) and (c) Proposal for six laning of National Highways is at preliminary stage and as such it is too early to indicate the names of the sections as well as the time-frame.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Development of National Highways in Meghalaya

†1116. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Planning has approved the scheme for widening of National Highway Nos. 40E, 44E, 51 and 62 passing through Meghalaya;

(b) if so, whether any amount has been allocated for construction of these Highways during the current financial year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The Government have approved on 22.09.2005 the preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) only for 83 km long stretch of NH 44 (Shillong—Nongstoin section) and 96 km long stretch of NH 62 in the State of Meghalaya for widening to two lanes under Phase 'B' of Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North Eastern Region (SARDP-NE).

(b) to (d) Since the approval is only for preparation of DPRs, the question of allocation of funds for construction of these Highways does not arise.

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